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23 March 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Wire Tap Bills

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[REDACTED] of the National Security Agency had called him about the Keating and Sauer bills. [REDACTED] had been to hearings on them. The Sauer bill being restricted to telephone lines only appears to be of no concern. The Keating bill, H. R. 5093, is apparently going to be substantially amended. Discussion came up on a provision that wire tapping activity was permissible if conducted by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Apparently committee members raised a point that the FBI was not the only agency involved and among those mentioned were Commerce, Treasury, CIA, and [REDACTED] believes he heard NSA mentioned. Accordingly, [REDACTED] believes that the bill is taking proper form and there is no action at this time. [REDACTED] assured him of our assistance if needed.

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<p><i>Barbara - Just to be sure, let's check status on these about once a month.</i></p> <p><i>WJP</i></p>		
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<p><i>Note for files - deformed by Roger Jones, R.D., that these bills aren't going anywhere. Neither the Congress nor the Justice Department appear interested.</i></p>		
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